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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks. Claims 1-28 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 29-53 are newly added.

Rejections of Claims 1-28

Applicants canceled claims 1-28 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby making the rejections of claims 1-28 moot. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that all rejections of claims 1-28 be withdrawn.

New Claims 29-53

New claims 29-37 are directed to a method of performing context switching in a portable processing device. The method includes, among other things, displaying a task switching menu listing only ones of a plurality of programs installed on the portable processing device that are useful to execute based at least partly on a currently executing program.

U.S. Patent No. 6,061,711 to Song et al. ("Song") is directed to efficient context saving and restoring in a multitasking environment (see Abstract). Song discloses a multitasking operating system performing context switching. Song fails to disclose or suggest displaying a task switching menu listing only ones of a plurality of programs installed on the portable processing device that are useful to execute based at least partly on a currently executing program, as required by claims 29-37.

U.S. Patent No. 5,675,762 to Bodin et al. ("Bodin") is directed to a method and apparatus of transferring data between an application running in virtual mode in a data processing system and an adapter having a microprocessor capable of memory access (see col. 1, lines 19-23). Bodin fails to disclose or suggest displaying a task switching menu

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listing only ones of a plurality of programs installed on the portable processing device that are useful to execute based at least partly on a currently executing program, as required by claims 29-37.

U.S. Patent No. 6,049,796 to Siitonen et al. ("Siitonen") is directed to an apparatus and method for searching a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) and displaying the result so that the user can determine whether the search yielded the intended result (see col. 2, lines 16-21). Siitonen fails to disclose or suggest displaying a task switching menu listing only ones of a plurality of programs installed on the portable processing device that are useful to execute based at least partly on a currently executing program, as required by claims 29-37.

Applicants submit, at least for the reasons discussed above, that Song, Bodin and Siitonen fail to disclose or suggest, either separately or in any combination, displaying a task switching menu listing only ones of a plurality of programs installed on the portable processing device that are useful to execute based at least partly on a currently executing program, as required by claims 29-37.

Independent claim 38 and dependent claims 39-45, as well as independent claim 46 and dependent claims 47-53 recite a feature similar to the previously-discussed feature of claims 29-37 and are patentable over Song, Bodin and Siitonen for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to claims 29-37.

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CONCLUSION

Having addressed all rejections of claims 1-28, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees (or credit any overpayments) associated with this communication and which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-3102, referencing Attorney Docket No. PALM-3588.

Respectfully submitted,

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